Medicine submitted its report on 6th May, 1986 but no action was taken as the State Health Department has no budgetary allocation to fight the disease;

(c) how many people have been admitted in various hospitals and how many have died during the last three years; and

(d) what is the amount allocated by the Centre to the States for eradication of malaria programme and whether the funds have been utilised fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government is not aware of any such report.

(b) The Government of West Bengal have informed that based on the Report of the Expert Team from the School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta control measures such as spraying of insecticides and detection/treatment of Kala-azar cases were already taken. Adequate budget provision exists in the budget of the State Health Department, for the purpose.

(c) According to the information received from the State health authorities, the number of cases and deaths due to Kala-azar reported during last three years are as under:—

	Cases	Deaths
1983	2717	7
1984	4229	Nil
1985	4247	5

Out of 212 cases reported during 1986, only five cases were admitted in the hospital with one death.

(d) There is no separate budget allocation for Kala-azar Control Programme which is implemented from funds allocated for National Malaria Eradication Programme (Rural). During 1985-86, material and equipment worth Rs. 92.08 lakhs and Rs. 7.34 lakhs were supplied to the Government of West Bengal as Central assistance under National Malaria Eradication Programme (Rural) and National Malaria Eradication Programme (Urban) respectively. A tentative allocation of Rs. 134.59 lakhs under National Malaria Eradication Programme (Rural) and Rs. 9.41 lakhs under National Malaria Eradication Programme (Urban) has been made to the Government of West Bengal for proper implementation of the Programme in the State.

Attaching of Milk Tanker to 29 Down and 30 UP from Jalgoan

2012. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Central Government to attach a milk tanker to 29 Down and 30 UP Express train from Jalgaon to Howrah and back; and

(b) if so, what is the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Suitable arrangements will be made in consultation with the National Co-operative Diary Federation which has been entrusted with the job of coordinating the movement of milk for the next season.

Spreading of Malaria in big way

2013. PROF C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Statesman' of 10th June, 1986, under the caption "Malaria spreading in a big way".

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the evidence contained in a local journal "Social Science and Medicines" by the Director of the Malaria Research Centre, Dr. V. P. Sharma, and Prof. Dr. K N. Mahrotra of Indian Agricultural Research Institute; and

(c) whether it is a fact that one of the serious continuing impediments to the success of the National Malaria Eradication programme was irregular supply of DDT and other insecticides to the malaria units in the country and, if so, the reasons therefor?